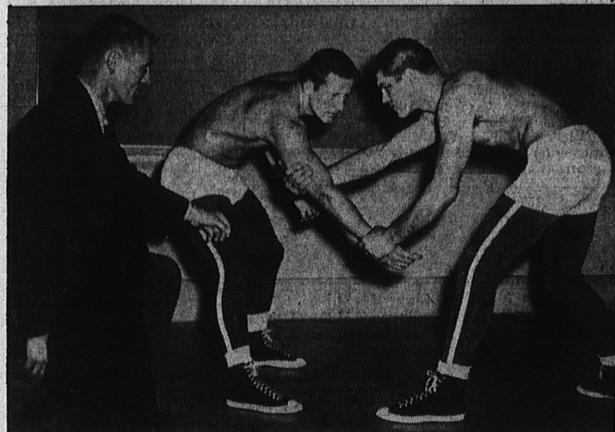


# UNBEATEN VIKES TOP TARTARS, 75-68

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INTERESTED VIEWERS... Successful El Camino Wrestling Coach Dave Hengstler and a four-legged friend take great interest in watching a workout between two of Hengstler's top matmen. On the left is Dick Keeler, who has a big task in grappling with Alex Felix, defending Southern California JC heavyweight champion. The Warriors entertain Los Angeles City College today.

## Title Dreams Fade; Mathews Scores 28

By STEVE LESCHER  
Herald Sports Editor

An alert, fast-breaking and highly polished Santa Monica basketball squad, capitalizing on all the breaks, all but wrapped up the 1957 Bay League championship Tuesday afternoon with a thrill-packed 75-68 win over second place Torrance before a wild packed house at the Samohi Gym.

Tartar forward Jerry Mathews took scoring honors in the all-important fray by registering 28 points although three other performers hit for over 20 digits. Vike Perry Bates moved into a tie with Mathews for the third spot in league scoring as he contributed 22 points to total 126 for eight games.

Torrance's Gene Crenshaw came back with 16 points in the second half to hit 20 digits as did Santa Monica's Larry Gross. Rich Ruffell retained his league scoring leadership as his 16 points brought him up to 145 tallies.

Led At Beginning  
It was Ruffell's set shot in the opening minute of play that gave the Tartars a 2-0 edge, the only time during the hectic afternoon they were in the driver's seat. Following quick set shots by Bates and Tom Bennett moments later, the closest Torrance could come to the red-hot Santa Monica pace was two points back.

The Vikings powered to a 21-14 lead after one quarter, and led 25-18 with 4:57 remaining in the first half be-

fore the Tartars sunk their first free throw.

Final Threat  
Midway into the third stanza, the Torrance quintet made its final threat as two free throws by John Taylor and six straight by Crenshaw narrowed the deficit to 43-41 only to helplessly watch the Vikes rack up eight points in a row and safely wrap things up for good.

The unbeaten victors, whose triumph snapped a Torrance five game win skein and dropped the Tartars two big games off the pace, need only three wins to assure them a tie for top Bay League laurels.

The 75-68 verdict practically paralleled an earlier meeting between the two clubs which was also won by Santa Monica by a similar score of 77-69.

Particularly free of penalties during the first half, the battle broke wide open in the late stages. However, the charity tosses in the second half provided the margin of victory as field goal accuracy showed the Tartars ahead, 26 to 25.

Torrance (68)	Santa Monica (75)
Mathews (28)	Gross (20)
Crenshaw (20)	Nichols (10)
Ruffell (16)	Beard (7)
Venable (12)	Bennett (6)
Taylor (2)	Bates (22)

Score by quarters:  
Torrance... 14 17 14 23-68  
Santa Monica... 21 16 18 22-75



TWO POINT SPECIAL... Torrance's Rich Ruffell, the Bay League's leading scorer, lets loose for field goal over Santa Monica's helpless defender Larry Beard. In on the action are Vike John Nichols (14) and Tartars' Gene Crenshaw (11) and Jerry Mathews (32). Santa Monica subdued Torrance 75-68 to remain unbeaten and move closer to loop championship.

## ROD & GUN Chatter

By DONNA BARRDULL

Local nimrods and fishing fever victims are primed for the Torrance Rod and Gun Club's fifth annual award night and installation of officers scheduled for Saturday evening at the Palms, beginning at 7:30.

Outgoing president Ernie Maloy will shed his gold braid after a year of service and pass it on to Paul Smith, co-owner of the Torrance Cycle and Sport Shop. Smith, an ardent hunter and fishing enthusiast, will head the popular organization during the coming year.

Jeff Cox, incoming president, will act as master of ceremonies for the evening, and will preside over the awarding of trophies and "gimmicks" to recognize the outstanding exploits of the year. It will also be up to Cox to point out those club members who have earned new "dub" names by goofing at some project during the year.

Members and friends of the Torrance Rod and Gun Club are assured an eventful evening as local sportsmen join together to honor those with the outstanding achievements during the year. The meeting will be opened with an invocation by Ray Beadie, popular junior member of the club.

Seven button award winners are scheduled to be honored further at the Southern California Button Award Assn. banquet on Feb. 21, where their hunting and fishing exploits will be recognized as the highest in their field among Southern California sportsmen.

In the meantime, California's surf anglers are busy organizing their five-man teams to compete in the annual Redondo Rod and Gun barred perch derby set for Sunday, Feb. 17. Most are having a rough time trying to decide what strip of beach along the California coast is most likely to yield limits besides a couple of lunkers to compete for top prizes in this largest of all derbies.

Surf fishing has been more unpredictable than ever the last month—beaches are

running hot, and then cold. Ormond Beach, just south of Port Hueneme, which was the hottest spot on the coast for the elusive barred perch a couple of weeks ago, died overnight. Weather could be re-



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sponsible—but then, again, the fish might just have moved on.

White Sands came alive with anglers knocking over the big ones like crazy. One angler pulled in a pair of them a couple of weeks ago—both hitting over four pounds.

Our local beaches are in about the same shape. Popular Second St. haunts in Hermosa have been worked regularly, but nothing to indicate a run has shown yet. Fair action off the Redondo sea wall has been reported, but anglers lucky enough to hook one have had a rough time trying to slide the lunkers up over the rocks.

Nice opal-eye perch are being taken off the federal breakwater, and, as usual, members of the Gardena Rod and Gun Club have been connecting there. Chuck Richards landed three of them over the 3-pound mark the other day without getting his line good and wet. One of the opals went 4 lbs., 7 oz.

See you Saturday night.

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## El Camino Meets East LA Quintet Tomorrow Night

El Camino's top ranking Warriors open the second round of Metropolitan Conference basketball action tomorrow night, hosting sixth place East Los Angeles at 8 p.m. on the local gym floor.

The Warriors, who share the conference leadership with Harbor, invades Van Nuys the following night to battle Valley's potent Monarchs, presently riding the crest of a four-game Metro win streak.

While Coach George Stanich's crew entertain the Huskies Friday night, Harbor will attempt to put an end to the Valley mark when the two clubs clash in the latter's pavilion. On Saturday, the Seahawks invade the confines of Santa Monica.

In the first ECC-Husky clash at Belvedere Junior High School, the locals overcame a halftime deficit to roar past their foe, 84-71. Roy Ruebel and Bill Davis potted 22 points while Frank Ellis contributed 20 to the cause.

Against Valley in the Metro opener, the Warriors blew a nine-point advantage in the first half but came back strong in the late stages of the meeting to down the Monarchs, 83-74. Ellis was the big gun with 26 tallies with Davis getting runner-up honors with 19 points.

Now without the services of center Davis and guard Tony Navarro who lost their eligibility due to scholastic difficulties, Coach Stanich will move forward Ruebel into the center spot and tentatively use John Bernards and Dave Higgins to fill the vacancies.

## Torrance Hosts Seahawks; North Five at ES Tomorrow

Torrance's high-scoring Tartars come back home tomorrow night to entertain Redondo's rejuvenated fourth-place Seahawks while winless North High travels for an oil city encounter with El Segundo the same evening.

Torrance came from behind at the end of the first quarter, 16-12, to roar past the Seahawks 61-43 in their first league meeting at Redondo. Sparked by Jerry Mathews, who tossed in 25 points, the Tartars caught up in the second quarter and assumed a 30-26 halftime bulge, a lead they were never to relinquish.

The Saxons, on the other hand, will be out for revenge against the Eagles, having received a 54-28 pasting in their first Pioneer League battle. El Segundo, who have dropped their last two outings, were paced in their North High win by forward Bud Hutton who hit for 20 points.

The Eagles built up a rapid 17-4 first period lead and breezed home to victory. Forward Dave Campbell contributed 13 points for the losing cause.

Both local junior varsity squads, who meet their opponents in 7 p.m. curtain raisers, will be seeking their second win over their respective foes. The Tartar JV's disposed of Redondo's outfit 48-34 in their initial meeting while North High won a close battle from the Eagles, 46-43.

**NORTH HIGH BOYS' LEAGUE**  
Spittles 20, Hobbes 18, Chibos 34, Vikings 24, Cavaliers 2, Los Bombers 9 (forfeit).

**TORRANCE BOYS' LEAGUE**  
Aces 51, Fearless Five 21, Grasshoppers 28, Globetrotters 24, Cavemen 40, Mustangs 18, Dublins 42, Falcons 28.

**NORTH MIDGET LEAGUE**  
Bear Cats 28, Lions 4, Steelers 30, Monarchs 18, Crenshaw 81, Warriors 1, Redskins 88, McMaster 5.

**SOUTH CENTRAL MIDGET LEAGUE**  
Indians 69, Sea Gulls 18, Wolfpack 44, Knights 28, Termites 30, Seals 24, Trojans 2, Sun Devils 9 (forfeit), Cavaliers 2, Hippo Toppers 9 (forfeit).

**NORTH PEE WEE LEAGUE**  
Don 8, Steel 7, Carr 48, Monarchs 0, Wolverines 20, Tigers 10, Crenshaw 18, Cardinals 2.

**CENTRAL WEE LEAGUE**  
Fighting Irish 2, Rinkydinks 0 (forfeit).

**SEAS 7, All Stars 6, Spartans 2, Crew Cuts 6 (forfeit).**

**SOUTH PEE WEE LEAGUE**  
Headhunters 47, Seahawks 44.

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## Mustangs Win 75-69; LHS Edges Sents

Mira Costa's Mustangs, with Bud Rogers hitting for 24 points, overcame a three-point halftime setback to power past fifth place Redondo 75-69 in Bay League action Tuesday on the Seahawk floor. John Herman of Redondo was high point man of the game with 25. Leuzinger won their second thriller from Inglewood, 41-40, on the Morningside High hardwood. The Olympians, in winning their second game of the year, scored the deciding points for victory in the final period.

Mira Costa... 14 16 20 25-75  
Redondo... 10 23 17 19-69  
Leuzinger... 11 9 8 13-41  
Inglewood... 11 10 9 11-40

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